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Re: Petition For Rulemaking
Saint Joseph, LA
FM Table of Allotments

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Saint Joseph Broadcasting Company, are an original and four copies of a Petition For Rulemaking requesting a change in the FM Table of Allotments.

If questions arise, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,


Ann Bavender
Counsel for Saint Joseph
Broadcasting Company

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Before the
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In the matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) MM Docket No. _____
Table of Allotments)
FM Broadcast Stations) RM No. _____
(Saint Joseph, Louisiana))

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

Petition For Rulemaking

Saint Joseph Broadcasting Company, by its attorney, hereby requests that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding for the purpose of allotting FM channel 257C3 to Saint Joseph, Louisiana as Saint Joseph's first local service. It is proposed to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, FM Table of Allotments as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel Number Present</u>	<u>Channel Number Proposed</u>
Saint Joseph, Louisiana	----	257C3
Clayton, Louisiana	257A	266A

If the requested allotment is made, Saint Joseph Broadcasting Company will apply for a construction permit for a new FM station on Channel 257C3 at Saint Joseph, Louisiana. If Saint Joseph Broadcasting is granted a construction permit, it will promptly construct and operate a new FM station to serve Saint Joseph, Louisiana.

As demonstrated in the attached engineering exhibit, the allotment of Channel 257C3 to Saint Joseph, Louisiana would be short-spaced to the allotment of 257A to **Clayton, Louisiana**. It is proposed to substitute FM Channel **266A** for 257A at Clayton with a change in the reference co-ordinates: **(31-44-48N 91-31-16W)**. This substitution can be made without any changes to other assignments or allocations. Clayton is a vacant allotment for which no applications are pending.

The allotment of Channel **257C3** at **Saint Joseph, Louisiana** can be accomplished at the reference co-ordinates: **(31-51-44N 91-11-41W)**. Other than the substitution at Clayton, no changes are needed to any assignments or allocations.

Saint Joseph is an incorporated town in Tensas Parish, Louisiana, with a 1990 census population of 1517 persons.

The allotment of Channel 257C3 will provide Saint Joseph with its first local aural service and an essential outlet for local expression. Accordingly, the allotment will serve the public interest.

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, the Commission should initiate a Rulemaking proceeding to amend 73.202(b) of its rules to allot Channel 257C3 to Saint Joseph, Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,
Saint Joseph Broadcasting Company

By: _____


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Engineering Exhibit E-I
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Saint Joseph Broadcasting Company
Add 257C3 Saint Joseph, LA Allocation Study

Search Channel: 257 Class: C3
Latitude: 315144 Longitude: 911141

Call	Location	Channel	Class	Bearing	Distance(km)	Required(km)
WYMX	Greenwood	256	C	21.99	204.98	176.00 OK
WHER	Heidelberg	257	C2	91.45	178.43	177.00 Close
WJMI	Jackson	259	C	61.55	96.66	96.00 Close
WJKK	Vicksburg	254	C1	62.53	83.13	76.00 OK
Clayto	Clayton	257	A	253.93	37.72	142.00 Short
Proposed in instant rulemaking to change to 266A						
KXKC	New Iberia	256	C	196.80	192.31	176.00 OK
KNBB	Ruston	257	C3	296.16	155.75	153.00 Close

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Saint Joseph Broadcasting Company
Substitute 266A Clayton, LA Allocation Study

Search Channel: 266 Class: A
Latitude: 314448 Longitude: 913116

Call	Location	Channel	Class	Bearing	Distance(km)	Required(km)
WLINFM	Durant	266	A	51.00	232.15	115.00 OK
WDXO	Hazlehurst	265	A	81.31	107.17	72.00 OK
WRTMFM	Port Gibson	263	C3	52.72	71.44	42.00 OK
Utica	Utica	265	C2	72.41	117.48	106.00 OK
WJXNFM	Utica	265	C2	73.06	116.82	106.00 OK
WBBV	Vicksburg	267	C3	42.30	89.70	89.00 Close
KBON	Mamou	266	C3	212.16	142.43	142.00 Close
WNOEFM	New Orleans	266	C	142.51	246.49	226.00 OK
KHLL	Richwood	265	A	324.69	89.72	72.00 OK
Richwo	Richwood	265	C3	324.69	89.72	89.00 Close
KHLL	Richwood	265	C3	322.26	102.44	89.00 OK
KRMDFM	Shreveport	266	C	294.60	250.11	226.00 OK
KKGB	Sulphur	267	C3	225.63	237.51	89.00 OK
Sulphu	Sulphur	267	C2	230.41	242.58	106.00 OK